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Silly Donkey and His Missing Key

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Silly Donkey felt hungry for something sweet.

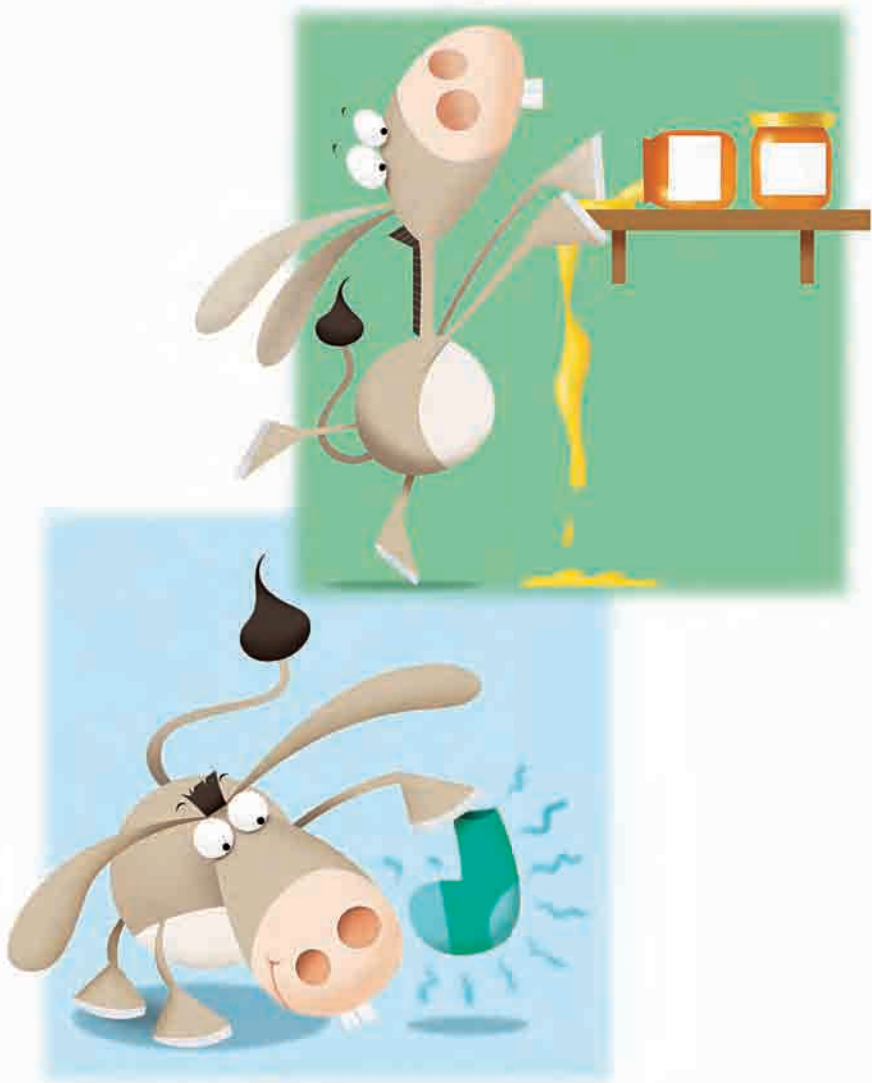
“I will get candy,” Donkey said and smacked his lips.

Donkey kept his money in a locked chest. The key was missing.

Donkey thought, “To get candy, I need money. To get money, I need the key to that lock. Now where did I put that key?” Donkey asked himself.

Donkey looked below his bed for his missing key. It was not there.





Donkey hunted high and low. He found sticky honey. He found smelly socks. Still, he did not find his missing key.

Donkey peeked in trash bins in an alley.
He checked a sandy beach. He checked a
rocky hill and a grassy valley. His key was
still missing.





Silly Donkey said to himself, “I need that money. I will just smash that chest open.” Donkey lifted the chest high. Just then he saw his key.

“I must have taped that key on the chest,”
Donkey said. “What a silly donkey I am!”
Donkey opened the lock with his key.

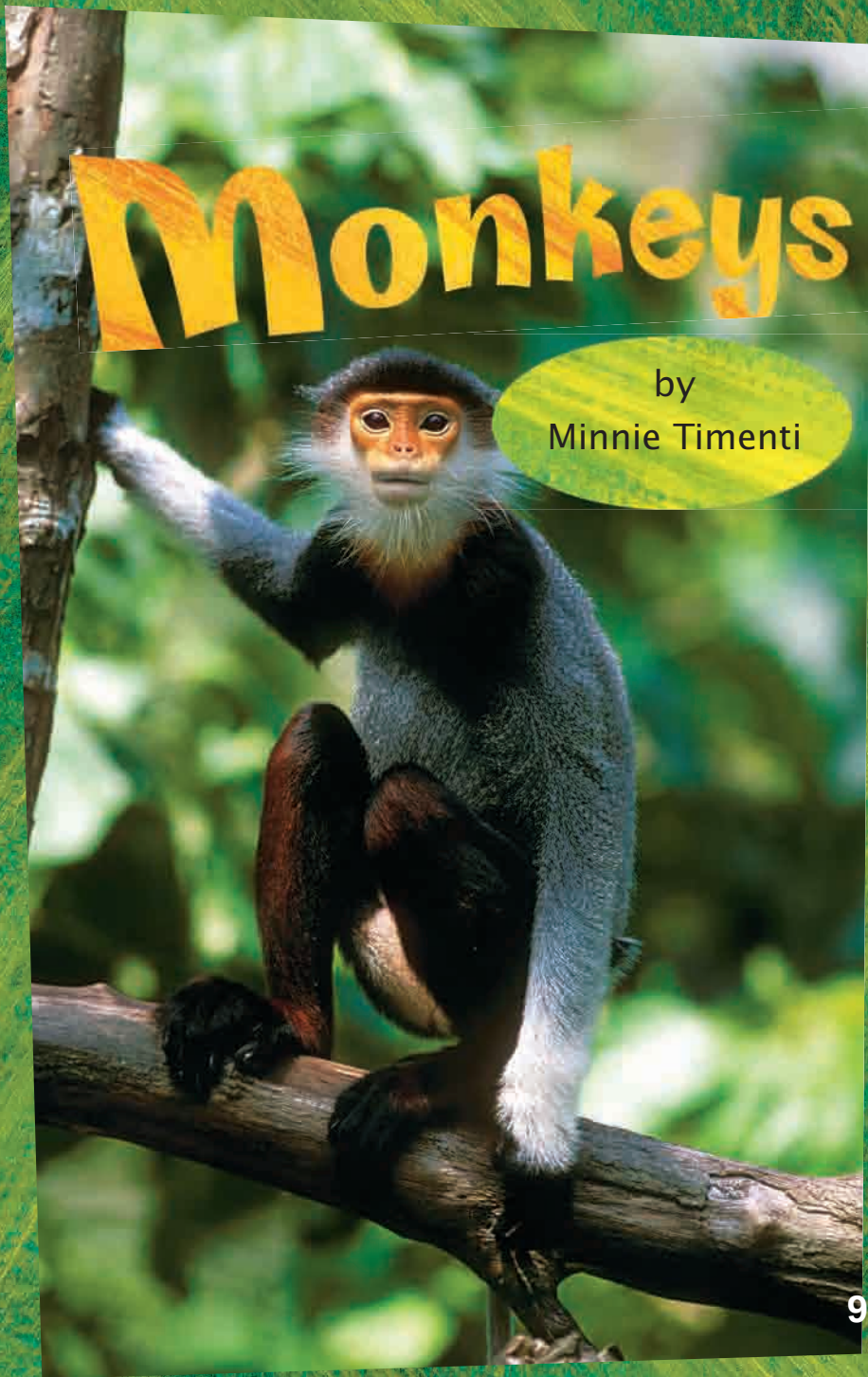


Silly Donkey gazed at his money. He felt puzzled. “Now why did I need this money?” he asked himself. “Did I plan to get something with it?”



Monkeys

by
Minnie Timenti





There are many kinds of monkeys. Most monkeys live in trees. The body of a monkey is just right for leaping and swinging in treetops. Its hands and feet grip branches. Some monkeys can even use their tails like hands.

Most monkeys are not big. Most are less than three feet long. One tiny monkey has a body that is just six inches long.





Monkeys and apes are not the same.
Monkeys are not as big as apes. Most
monkeys have tails but apes do not.

Ten, twenty, and even fifty monkeys may stay in packs. If a hunting animal gets close, monkeys tell each other by yelling. Then they dash off.

Some monkeys can team up and fight back. Staying together is a way for monkeys to keep safe.





Baby monkeys stay close to their mothers. A baby monkey hangs from its mother. When it grows big, the baby rides on its back. The mother teaches its baby to get food and stay safe.

Monkeys copy each other and learn fast.
People train monkeys to help them. It is key
that monkeys are smart.



At times, monkeys act in funny ways.
It is easy to see why people like monkeys.
Monkeys make them smile and feel happy.



Silly Donkey and His Missing Key

Word Count: 202

High-Frequency Words

for
find
found
have
looked
now
open
opened
put
said
saw
something
there
thought
to
was
what
where
why

Decodable Words*

a	honey
alley	hungry
am	hunted
an	I
and	in
asked	it
at	just
beach	kept
bed	key
below	lifted
bins	lips
candy	lock
checked	locked
chest	low
did	missing
Donkey	money
felt	must
gazed	need
get	not
grassy	on
he	peeked
high	plan
hill	puzzled
himself	rocky
his	sandy

**Boldface words indicate sound-spelling introduced in this story.*

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Decodable Words*

silly

smacked

smash

smelly

socks

sticky

still

sweet

taped

that

the

then

this

trash

valley

will

with

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Monkeys

Word Count: 209

High-Frequency Words

animal
are
by
do
food
for
from
have
kinds
learn
live
many
mother
mothers
of
one
other
people
some
their
there
they
to
together
why

Decodable Words*

a	gets
act	grip
and	grows
apes	hands
as	hangs
at	happy
baby	has
back	help
big	hunting
body	if
branches	in
but	inches
can	is
close	it
copy	its
dash	just
each	keep
easy	key
even	leaping
fast	less
feel	like
feet	long
fifty	make
fight	may
funny	monkey
get	

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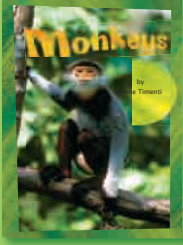
Decodable Words*

monkeys	tell
most	ten
not	than
off	that
on	the
packs	them
rides	then
right	three
safe	times
same	tiny
see	train
six	trees
smart	treetops
smile	twenty
stay	up
staying	use
swinging	way
tails	ways
teaches	when
team	yelling

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